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1. "FORMER"
2. REACTIONS TO POSSIBILITY OF WAR
WITH USSR
(1945)

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To VIKTOR[i]. The 8th Department

"FORMER[BYVShIJ]"(iii)

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to the possibility of hostilities. They do not tell them straight out that it means the possibility of war against the USSR but the recruits [D% themselves], who are going to JAPAN, openly discuss this rumour. Having learnt of this warning[a], some Australians who wanted to volunteer, have refused to go[b].

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Notes: [a] A 1-digit corruption would give "anxiety/uneasiness".

[b] Literally "have refused this mission".

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Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. PITIN.

[ii] FORMER: Unidentified covername.
Also occurs in MOSCOW's No. 259 of
14th November 1945 (3/NDF/T132, item 2),
No. 153 of 24th July 1946 (3/NDF/T567) and
No. 155 of 13th July 1947 (3/NDF/T773) and in
CANBERRA's No. 434 of 11th November 1945 (3/
NDF/T:32, item 1).

Described in the second message above as an
"ATHLETE".

'BYVShIJ' is the past participle of the verb
'to be' and literally means 'who or which has
been'. It is also used in the sense of
classical i.e. to denote members of the ruling
classes under the Czarist regime who have been
deprived of their privileges.

[iii] EFE: Semen Ivanovich M'KAROV, at the Soviet Legation/
Embassy in CANBERRA from April 1943 to June
1949.

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